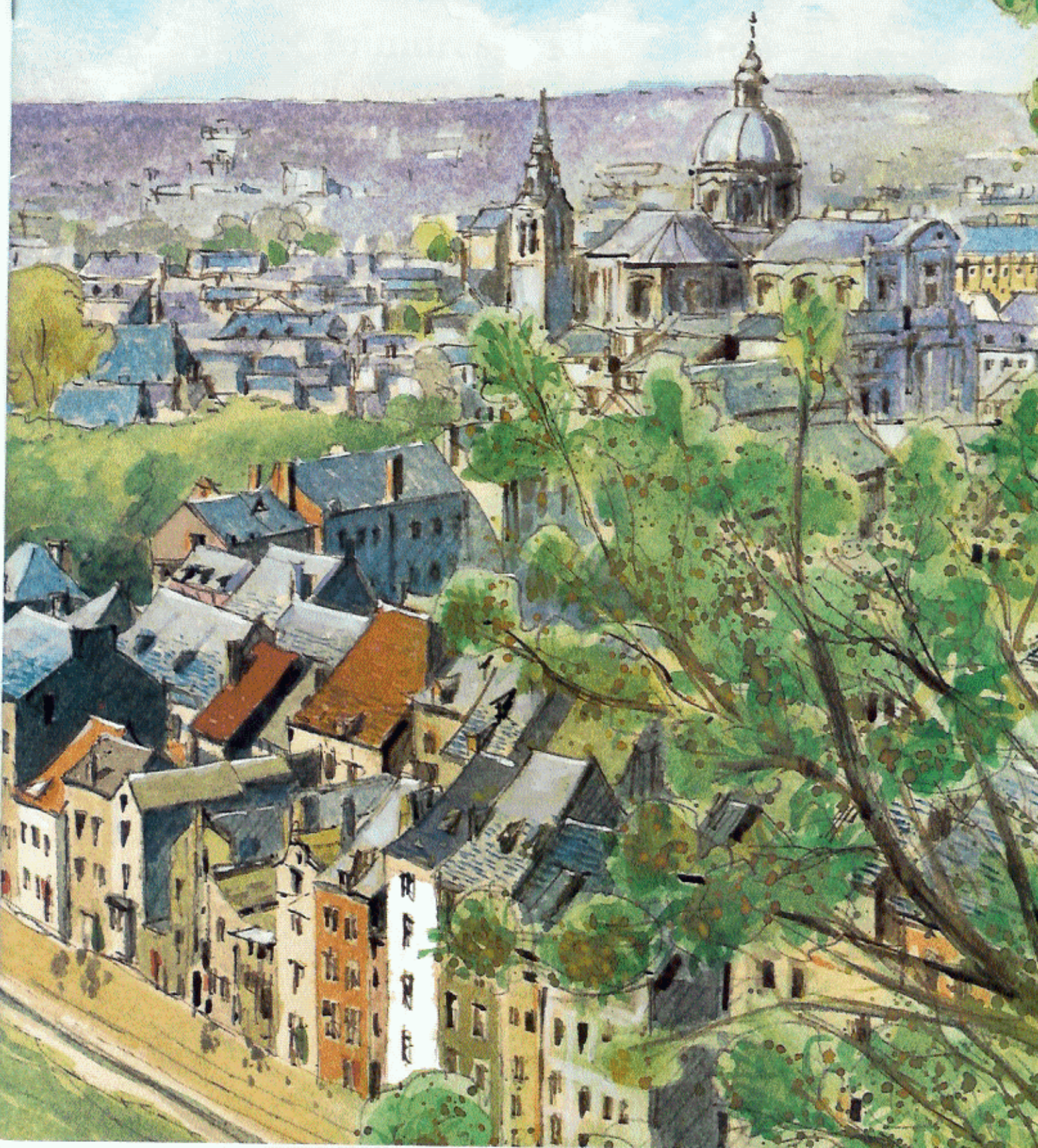


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**A woman who knew how to believe  
and how to love**

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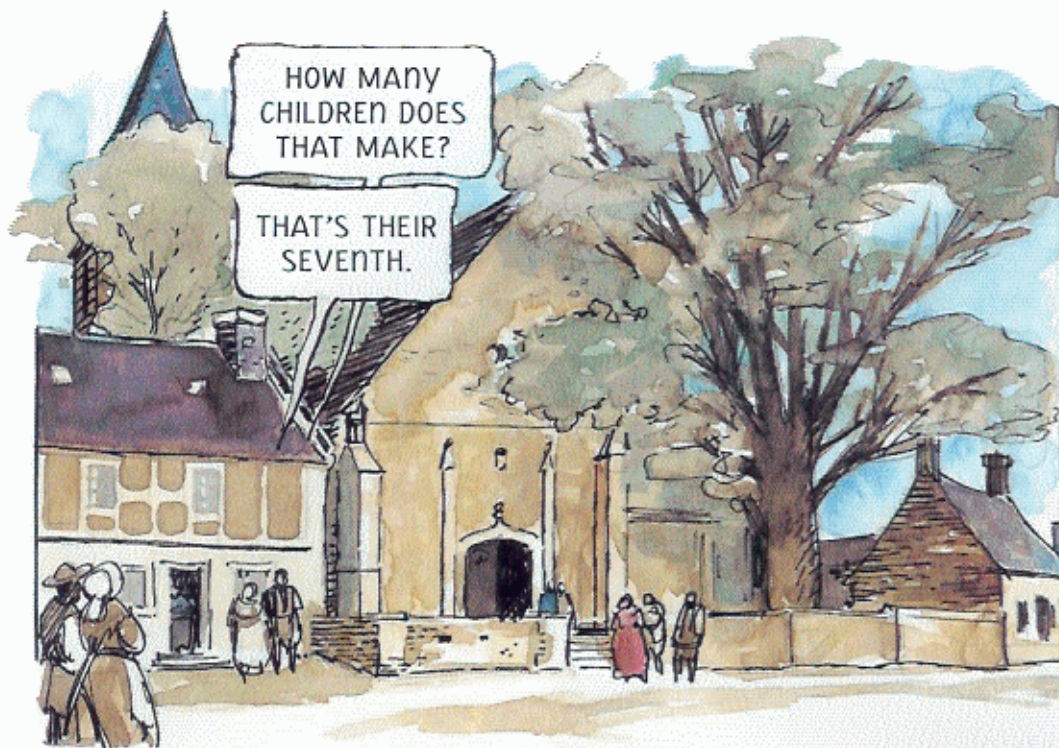
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JULIE BILLIART WAS BORN ON 12 JULY 1751 IN CUVILLY, ABOUT 12 MILES FROM COMPIÈGNE.



SHE WAS BAPTISED  
THE SAME DAY.



HER PARENTS WERE  
TRADERS IN LINENS  
AND HABERDASHERY.



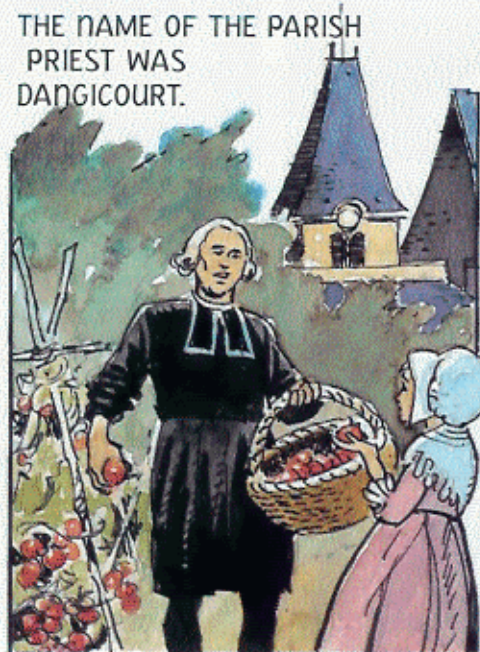
JULIE QUICKLY LEARNED  
TO READ AND  
WRITE.



SHE ENJOYED TEACHING CATECHISM.



THE NAME OF THE PARISH  
PRIEST WAS  
DANGICOURT.



YOU LIKE TEACHING  
CATECHISM. I OFTEN SEE YOU  
IN CHURCH. WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO RECEIVE COMMUNION?





I'M NOT  
OLD ENOUGH.  
I'M ONLY  
NINE.

BUT YOU KNOW  
JESUS AND  
YOU LOVE HIM.



SHE RECEIVED COMMUNION IN  
SECRET. THE OFFICIAL CER-  
MONY WAS TO TAKE PLACE  
THREE YEARS LATER.



SHE'S A GENEROUS GIRL, THEIR JULIE.  
SHE DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN THE RICH  
AND THE POOR.



SHE WAS CONFIRMED AT THE AGE OF 13.  
THE FOLLOWING YEAR...



ONE NIGHT...



THE NEXT DAY...



I'LL HELP  
YOU.



THAT LASS REALLY  
WORKS HARD.





SHE SHOULD TAKE  
MORE CARE  
OF HERSELF.  
SHE'S DOING  
TOO MUCH.

IN THE WINTER OF 1774,  
HER FATHER WAS ATTACKED.

WHAT'S  
GOING ON??

**BANG!**

**CRAASH!**

JULIE WAS ALREADY SUFFERING  
FROM FATIGUE, AND HER HEALTH  
BAGAN TO FAIL.

AS THE RESULT OF AN EPIDEMIC,  
SHE BECAME PARALYSED.  
THE PARALYSIS WAS TO LAST  
FOR 22 YEARS.

HER NIECE, FÉLICITÉ.

HOW CAN YOU  
BEAR NOT BEING  
ABLE TO MOVE?

I'M NOT BORED. I  
THINK ABOUT GOD  
A LOT AND I PRAY  
TO HIM.

THE COUNTESS DE BAUDOIN  
SPENT THE SUMMER IN CUVILLY.

TELL US MORE  
ABOUT GOD.

I ALWAYS THINK  
OF HIM AS A  
GOOD FATHER...